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Request for Continued Examination & Preliminary Amendment

This communication is in response to the Advisory Office Action dated 16 October 2007 and resubmits the previously filed (but not entered) amendment response dated 24 September 2007. No fee is believed to be due regarding an extension of time (in light of the filing of a Notice of Appeal in a timely manner) and therefore, this Preliminary Amendment Response and Request for Examination is not accompanied with any request for an extension of time. However, should applicant's attorney be in error in this regard, please consider this as a request to charge the identified deposit account for the requisite amount of time required to effect the filing of this RCE Request and Preliminary Amendment. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments & Status begin on page 11 of this paper.

35 U.S.C. §102 rejections & responsive arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

Double Patenting rejection & responsive arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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A Request for Reconsideration begins on page 14 of this paper.

A Conclusion begins on page 14 of this paper.

Attachments

Fee Determination Sheet

Petition for Extension of Time – **previously submitted and paid for** (copy thereof)

Terminal Disclaimer – **previously submitted and paid for** (copy thereof)

Petition for Late Claim to Priority (Exhibit A – Declaration; Exhibit B – Application Data Sheet)
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